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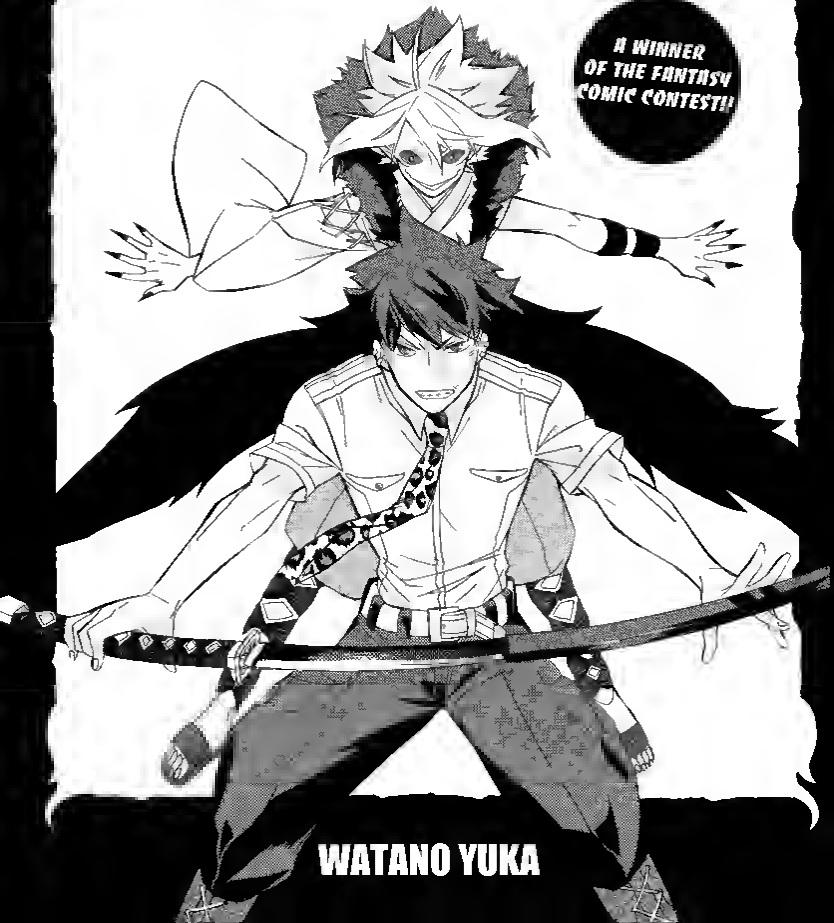

WATANO YUKA

HIGHLY PRAISED CHARACTER DESIGNS!
MURA-MASA!
COME DOWN.
HE-
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Now that the old man is dead, you've totally become the new store owner Nidaime*!
That coming from you!!
WHATEVER, JUST COME DOWN!!
NORMAL PEOPLE CAN ONLY SEE YOU AS YOUR TRUE FORM, A SWORD.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THAT IF THEY SEE YOU...
MURAMASA-HAN, LISTEN TO HIM, AND COME BACK DOWN.
SOUKYOU!
It's you two worn-out mirrors huh...
You two should know what would happen if you dare to defy me, right!?
Don't say that,
You wouldn't stop bullying bocchan*, so we had to come up...

* - Nidaime = 2nd generation

* - bocchan = young master

MURAMASA! SOUKYOU!
JUST COME BACK DOWN BEFORE YOU CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!
Okay-
……
If we start fighting here we might accidentally scratch our true forms
and then no one would want to buy us
HA!
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Hey, small fry!
Move.
Such a troublesome Tsukumo-sama.

THE ANTIQUE STORE, INADOU-MARU,
WAS A STORE BUILT UP FROM SCRATCH BY MY GRAND-FATHER INADOUMARU YOSHITAKA.
MY GRAND-FATHER, INADOUMARU YOSHITARA, HAD THE ABILITY TO SEE, TOUCH, AND CON-TROL THESE TSURUMO-RAMI,
AND I,
ズズズ…
THE MER-CHANDISE ON SALE ARE THE TSUKUMO-RAMI WHO RESIDE WITHIN ANCIENT TOOLS.

INADOUMARU TAKAYUKI, INADOUMARU YOSHITAKA'S GRANDSON, HAS INHERITED THE SHOP, BECOMING THE SECOND STORE OWNER.
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Nidaime, don't you think this has a little too much salt in it?
Nidaime, the way you cook rice, the way you hold your chop-sticks is stiii so strange
WA HA HA HA HA
HUH...?

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SCARY
さっ。
IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE THE FIRST OWNER OF THE STORE, MY GRAND-FATHER DIED.
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HE KNEW ALL THE TSUKUMO-KAMI, AND COULD HANDLE THEM PER-FECTLY.
AS HE LAY ON THE FLOOR,
IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS, HE LEFT ME THESE WORDS...
Muramasa...
Yoshitaka.
Muramasa...

THE ONLY TSUKUMO-KAMI MY GRANDFATHER COULDN'T HANDLE WAS THE DEMON BLADE "MURAMASA"...
HE'S SUCH A THREAT TO OTHER PEOPLE THAT WE CAN'T EVEN PUT HIM OUT IN THE SHOP...

MY GRAND-FATHER...
WANTED ME TO DO SOME-THING.
.....
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT
NO WAY~!

You won't be able to handle me, kid.
It was the same with the old man,
I'm different from those other Tsukumo-kami.
Besides...
I HAVE NO IDEA
I already have an owner.
!!
And he's coming for me,
...Definitely!

In an instant..
If a person who I haven't recognised as my owner even tries to touch me,
I won't betray my owner.
I'LL SLICE THEM LIMB FROM LIMB, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.
That demon sword
He tried to escape again today

I REALLY CAN'T STAND THAT SWORD IDLING AROUND THE PLACE
THE SWORD-SMITH WAS "SENGOU MURAMASA", HUH.
What're you talking about?
Muramasa is a sword born with special powers,
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Jeez Bocchan, you really didn't have to say that
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.
IF ONLY HE WAS AS GOOD AS YOU TWO.
Most of the Muramasas have already been disposed of, so it's really rare!
If you sell it, you'll get a lot for it-
IF I SELL IT...
In an instant...
If a person who I haven't recognised as my owner even tries to touch me,
I'LL SLICE THEM LIMB FROM LIMB, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

BOCCHAN!
AND EVEN IF YOU TELL ME IT'S WORTH A LOT, THERE'S NO ONE TO SELL IT TO
IF HE LEAVES HERE, HE'LL PROBABLY CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE
AS IF I COULD SELL SUCH A DANGEROUS THING!
WHAT'S UP?
is trying to escape again-
(as his 2nd time today)
That demon sword...

Bocchan, what re you gonna do?
Would you like us to get him back for you?
If you don't want the trouble,
I'LL GET HIM BACK DOWN LATER.
HE'S NOT RUN-NING.
HE'S WAIT-ING.
NO, IT'S FINE.

WAITING FOR THE ONE
HE'S RECOGNISED AS HIS OWNER
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OUCH...?
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WHAT'S... THAT!?
BOCCHAN, STAY BACK!!!
HE'S HERE.
Go hide inside the house or something, Nidaime.

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Uwahhh~
UGH
Huh? Kiyosugi.
HEHE...
You were pretty late this time.
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AHH
AAH HHH

HAAAHHHHH
AGAAHH
THE ONE YOU RECOGNISE AS YOUR OWNER!?
...THAT'S HIM?
...Heh.
That's the fate of the human who was my owner.
I'm gonna toast him

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SOU
KYOU!
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AAHHHH
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THE OLDEST POWER IN OUR HOUSE...

AHHH!?
VAHH!?
GAHHH
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE LOOKING THE RIGHT WAY...?
GAHH
UDEEHHH
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AHH
UDAAHHH
HAVE A TASTE OF YOUR OWN POWER...
THROUGH THE MIR-RORS OF SOUKYOU ...!!

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IT'LL JUST RECOVER AGAIN
IT ISN'T TOTALLY DEAD YET.
BUT,
NICE WORK, SOUKYOU
DID HE FAINT FROM HIS OWN PUNCH?
IT'S TARGET IS
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MURA-MASA!!

DON'T TOUCH ME.
...NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THAT, RIGHT?
DON'T TOUCH ME, KID!
UNLESS YOU WANNA BE TORN LIMB FROM LIMB!!
YOU...!! THAT MONSTER IS AFTER YOU, RIGHT!?

Nidaime-san...
25...
If you touch me
You'll become a monster like that too, you know?
FROM WHAT I SEE...
THAT THING IS A BUNCH OF HUMAN THOUGHTS.
AND QUITE POWERFUL ONES TOO
EVIL THOUGHTS FILLED WITH HATRED AND MALICE.
THERE ARE PROBABLY AROUND 100 TO 200 INSIDE THERE.
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AND ALL THAT HATRED AND MALICE IS ALL AIMED AT YOU... MURAMASA...
WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT WAS THE FATE OF YOUR PREVIOUS OWNER?
That thing is a combination of all the people I've killed
I get taken in by monsters who only know how to destroy
and they mercilessly slaughter everyone who comes in to contact with them
It's a pattern that's repeated itself many times in the past
Now you understand, right?
Nidaime, if you don't wanna become a monster like that too, then stay back...

WHAT'S THIS?
YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME, MURAMASA?
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WHAT?
HUH!?

Wh-Wh-What are you talking about, you shitty kid!?
I'm not joking!!
That old man died too.
Because he touched me!
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IT WAS HIS TIME!
MY GRANDFATHER LEFT PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY HIS CUTE GRANDCHILD AND TSUKUMO-KAMI WHO LOVED HIM.
HE NEVER BECAME A MONSTER LIKE THAT!!

THOSE CHAINS TYING YOU DOWN FROM YOUR PAST..
I'LL CUT THEM OFF FOR YOU!!
MURA-MASA...! ACCEPT ME AS YOUR OWNER!!
JUST YOU AND ME.
LET'S END THIS.

Hold on tight now.
....HAH!
You really do have a big mouth...
READY, NIDAIME?
WE'RE GONNA END THIS IN A FLASH!!!

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VAHH

AND

IN AN INSTANT.
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Kiyosugi...
Looks like...
I dragged you into my sins too...

I've been passed along through numerous people...
But Kiyosugi was the only idiot who said he would come back for me.
JII-SAN
WHAT'S THIS...?
IT'S COUR-AGE.
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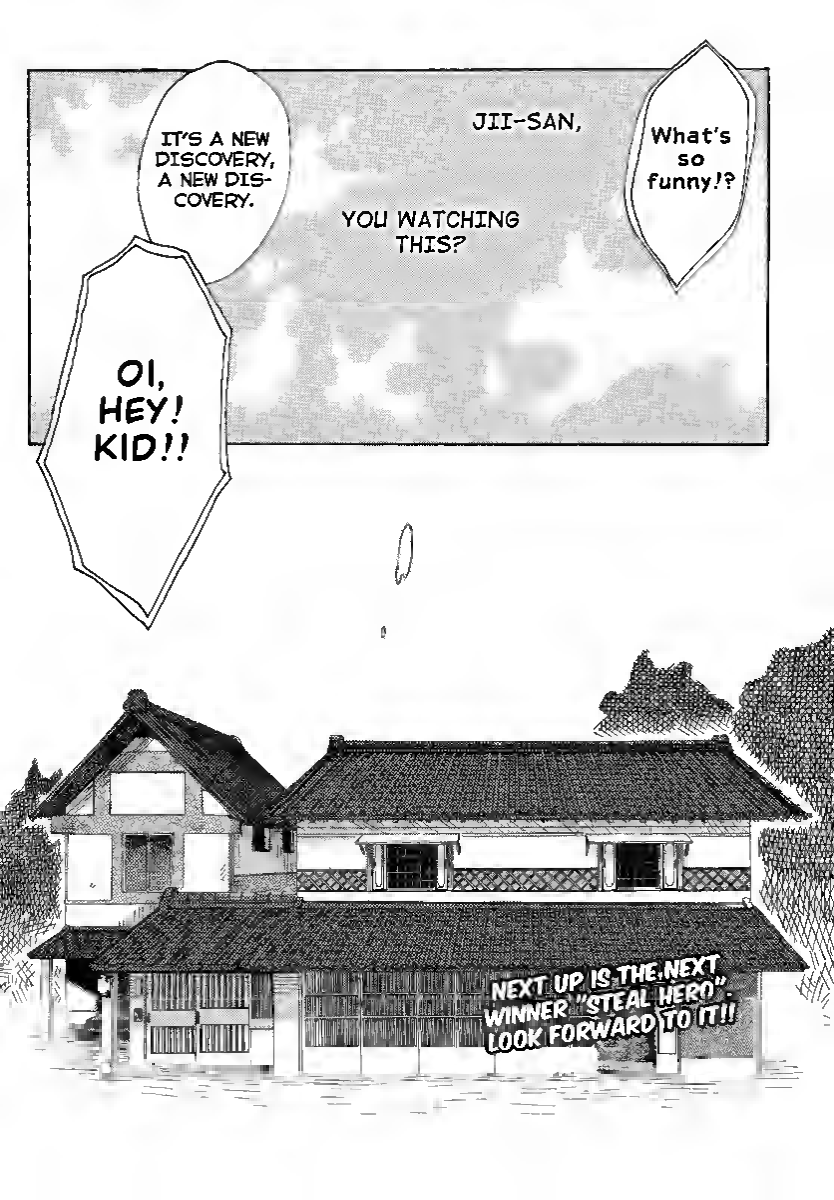
IT'S A NEW DISCOVERY, A NEW DISCOVERY.
JII-SAN,
What's so funny!?
YOU WATCHING THIS?
OI, HEY! KID!!
NEXT UP IS THE NEXT WINNER "STEAL HERO". LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!